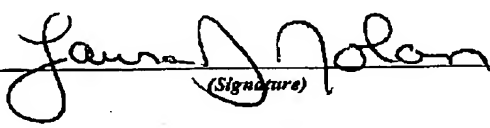


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 24, 2002.

The Examiner has made a restriction between Groups I and II as follows:

Group I, claims 1-3 and 10-24, drawn to a composition comprising a hydrophobically modified copolymer and a cyclodextrin, classified in Class 106, subclass 162.81; and

Group II, claims 4-9, drawn to a method for providing a reduced viscosity thickener system, classified in Class 524, subclass 48.